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WELCOME FRESHMEN

An Appeal To The Student Body

The annual is in a serious predicament. Within one month we must raise $1,000 in cold, hard cash. If we do, our annual becomes a realization; if we don't, all our work has been in vain. "Be a good sport and back it," is the appeal of the business staff of the organization. "Its life or death depends upon every one of you."

This is a state institution and, consequently, can sign no contracts for printers, engravers, and the like until we have the actual money in the treasury, hence the call for help.

"Do your part; pay your dollar deposit as soon as it is called for. Pay the full two dollars if possible. Attend all dances and rallies for the benefit of the annual. Patronize the operetta. Do all you can to boost the undertaking," says Miss Maxwell, official head of the department that takes care of the dollars and cents.

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Faculty Member Completes Lecture Tour

Miss McFadden has been traveling over the U. S. giving lectures on the Individual System. All the while she was gone we thought she was taking a vacation.

She went first to Idaho and talked before the State Teachers' Association and Business and Professional Women's Club. Then she went to Denver where she was invited to meet with a Curriculum Committee on making a course of study on language, composition and grammar. From there she went to Colorado and spoke to four counties on "How We Promote Children in the Frederick Burk School." From there she toured Wyoming and Indiana, where she spoke before he students of the University of De Pau.

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National Founders' Day Celebrated by P. T. A.

In honor of National Founders' Day the P. T. A. extended a special invitation to the parents of the children who had been in the first class of the Training School to be present at their meeting last Thursday.

Plans for a Fathers' Night, to be held sometime in April, were discussed. It was decided to have the program somewhat in the nature of an exhibition, the glee, dramatic, and science clubs participating.

Plans for a card party at the Marigold Tea Room sometime in the near future were also discussed. Miss Coolidge, the piano teacher, gave an exhibition of the work which she has been doing with the children in the Training School. The meeting then adjourned to the Kindergarten room where tea was served.

The next meeting of the P. T. A. will be held on Thursday, March 4. Mrs. Doris, a member of the collegiate faculty, will be the speaker.

Calendar For Next Two Weeks

Feb. 24—Mrs. Monroe speaks at the Wednesday Assembly.

Feb. 25—Big surprise.

Mar. 3—Important class meetings.

Mar. 4—Dramatic Club Day.

Club To Celebrate Anniversary

The first anniversary of the Dramatic Club, as a chartered organization, will be celebrated March 4th, according to plans just completed.

The fantasy, "Mantinata," with several other special numbers, will be staged by the organization, which is the first in the college to plan a birthday party, so to speak.

"The Toy Shop," a Lincoln play, adopted from the story by Marguirretta Gerry, together with the Booth Tarkington comedy, "The Trysting Place," was presented before the student body February 18th.

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Money Raising Plan Must Succeed

Between $500 and $600 must be cleared on the presentation of "The Legend of Kashmir" if we are to have an annual, is the verdict of those in charge. "The Legend of Kashmir," a Persian operetta, is to be presented by the Glee Club of the college in the Auditorium of the Galileo High School on the evennig of March 5. The date may be changed to March 12 on account of the remodeling of the stage.

Tickets are to be on sale soon and any one wishing to show her cooperation and interest may do so by going to Miss Levy and offering to sell tickets. This would be greatly appreciated, as the support of every girl in the Student Body is sought and needed in this undertaking.

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Spirit, And Then Some—

Who says we have no school spirit? Surely, we have, and if you don't believe it, listen to this:

One afternoon Miss Holman posted a notice asking for voluntter student helpers to work in the Children's Library. By nine o'clock the next morning, enough girls had offered their services to provide helpers for all periods during the day. And what's more, three of the girls were members of the January '26 class.

Now, what do you say to that?

College Drama To Be Censored

In the future no more forceful word than "darn" may be uttered upon the stage of our college. This bars forever "What Price Glory" and the rest of our cussing comedies.

Why? We now have a Reversary Committee for the Dramatic Club which will review all plays performed on the local stage. Anything which does not receive its approval will not be presented. If an "act" does not come up to a certain "dramatic standard," perhaps it too will be condemned.

The committee is composed of Miss Casebolt, Natalie Woolley, Lois Foster, Ann Pederson, Nettie Ballen, Alyce Humphreys and Emelie Hallinan. Now we may hope for those "bigger and better productions."

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Guild Practice To Start

Guild practice will begin Thursday, March 11, after the annual message to the assembly by Mr. Anderson has been given. His theme will be the origin of the observance of Guild and memories of past services.

The Senior girls will give several song selections from the Guild ceremony, following which Miss Levy will take charge and direct the group in practicing these same songs. On Sunday afternoon, June 6, Guild will be presented in the Greek Theatre in Berkeley.

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Faculty To Bathe

At least part of them—the feminine part. They have even organized a sort of club for the purpose.

This bold band of adventurers will brave the angry waters of divers swimming pools in the city—as befits any self-respecting club of its nature.

It was started with the idea of getting the feminine faculty members better acquainted with each other, as well as for the sport of swimming.

Hinkty Dinkty, Hinkty Dan,

Anyone seen the peanut man?

Or can someone tell us how we can distinguish between a peddlar of peanuts and a mere professor? There must be a strong characteristic that is common to both of them, for it was just recently that Mr. Boulware, the professor from college who is noted for his encore courses, was mistaken for one who follows the profession of peddling peanuts.

He entered a store near college craving something invigorating for after-math when he was informed that the company needed no peanuts today. But what's appearance, when a man's a man for a' that?

ANNUAL UNDER WAY

Editors Plan Publication This Year Of New Type

The Annual has shoved off from the dock. Shifting their wads of gum to the other cheek, the crew are rapidly warming up under the strain of the work.

Plans are not only being made, but executed. The snap-shot editors, Bernice Decker and Margaret Kane, have decreed that one sunny day in the near future shall be set aside as "snap" day. Each little "student body" is to bring her Brownie and snap all possible (faculty included) in "unposed poses." After a conference with the weather man, the date will be announced.

Plans have been made for both a name and short-story contest. Each offers the unique prize of a free, complete annual. The particulars of the contests will be flashed upon the school via the "bulletin board" method. Those interested for mercenary and other reasons should give the "little shingles" their close attention during the coming week.

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Grades Take Jump

The general level of scholarship through out the college has greatly improved the past half year, according to Miss Ward, who, as chairman of the Scholarship Committee, has made a thorough investigation of student records after the semester examinations.

The number of students placed upon probation has dropped this time to five. There are but eight whose grades are classed as "unsatisfactory." These statistics refer to those entering previous to August '25. All cases will be again checked up at the coming mid-term and further action taken.

Whether the new point system of grading is responsible for the big improvement in the grades, the Scholarship Committee did not state; but there seems to be the opinion that it is more than a coincidence.

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Wanted—A Bright Green Necktie—H.C.B.

If in your journeys over the continent, you happen to run across a necktie that is as green as the members of the class of January '26, will you kindly purchase it? That is, if your economic power is strong enough to withstand such an attack. You need not fear, however, a complete collapse of your pocketbook, for Dr. Biddle has expressed his willingness to reimburse the purchaser of the desired, what shall we say—necessity?

In speaking of colors the other day, Dr. Biddle said. "To the masculine eye a bright color is appreciated, although, I must admit that his eye appreciates the feminine facial features rising above a garment, and what lies within the dress, rather than the color of the dress itself."

By the way, did you know that Dr. Biddle was thinking of starting a matrimonial bureau between his classes at the affiliated and his classes here? He is also thinking of giving a picnic, that the students of the two colleges may get acquainted.

I wonder if the green necktie has anything to do with the party? Let's hope it doesn't come on the first of April.

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"GIFTY GABS"

The saying, "A man learns most who begins at the bottom" is wrong according to "Dan" after her initial swim at Sutro's.

"That's another "load" off my mind," cried Clelia, as she washed her hair.

Surely Miss Hale isn't commencing a course in the art of agriculture? But why introduce the "Potato" race?

Nonie Kirby effused a hearty laugh when the basketball landed on her head. Struck her funny, as it were.

"Then the fun began—girl "Charlestons" on the gym lawn. Enter Miss Hussey.

Fable: "Dusty" Donohoe was late to school, so she ran an' she ran an' she ran.

"I'm absorbing a lot of knowledge," said Clancy, as she erased the blackboard.

No girl buries her nose so deep in books she can't get at it with a powder puff.—Ask Alyce.

Avis says she feels "sheepish" in her new "Angora" sweater.

"Blank" verse—
She crept slowly on the scales,
Then she stole a "weigh."

The rooting section at the night rally was a "howling" success.

And still we don't understand why Nin's favorite dance is the Narcissus.

Seems that Kelly isn't fond of commuting, for every time she gets on the ferry it makes her "cross."

P. S. If all these "gabs" were placed side by side, they'd form a "line."

"I haven't the heart to take it," said "Coke" (the bridge fiend), as she discarded a club.

The gym was badly defaced and marred. Seems someone "cut" it.

Sunday School Teacher: "Now, Johnny, give me a quotation from the Bible."

Johnny: "Judah went out and hanged himself."

Sunday School Teacher: "Very good; give another."

Johnny: "Go thou and do likewise."

He reached into his pocket, drew forth a large blue revolver, glanced rapidly about, and then fired. Bang! A woman fainted. The half ended, and the players left the field.

Why does our hall look so bare? Because our pews are gone. Let's bring them back.

He: "See that muscle? I could stop a train with my right arm."

She: "O, my big athlete."

He: "No, I'm an engineer."

What If a Boy Puts One In Her Desk Some Day?

"A mouse, a mouse," screamed Alberta Eager, a Teachers College junior, in panic, as a harmless specimen of the rodent family scampered across the upper deck of the ferry one morning several days ago.

Up to the moment of the animal's appearance Alberta had been sitting in solemn conclave with a group of her fellow students. When the rodent made his presence known, however, the conclave was no longer solemn. Turmoil was everywhere, and shrill screams pierced the foggy air.

"Where, oh where?" came the cry from every feminine and effeminate throat, as, following Alberta's example, they hastily sought uplifting pieces of refuge.

At this moment the hero, commonly known as the deck-hand, rushed to the scene of action, and, after discovering the cause of the panic, proceeded to rescue the mouse, and help the terrified passengers down from their high, but safe, positions.

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For the Janitor's Sake

The cause of janitorial sore knees, janitorial complaints, janitorial threats, janitorial curses smothered in janitorial chests—GUM.

They are after us "with forks and with hope," and the why of it is twenty-three pieces of GUM on the hall floor. The janitors complain that the rubber hall coverings are being torn to shreds with their endless cutting, cutting, cutting GUM off the floor. The student body, some of them, complain that the gym floor isn't what it used to be. The janitors say that is because, after every dance, they must pry quantities of GUM off the floor. There has been suggested a possible excuse for this—try basketball on a dance floor.

Another bane of janitorial existence in the college is the great quantity of finely-torn papers. Perhaps they are the gum wrappers. Perhaps—well, you never can tell a woman's purpose.

Anyway, pity the poor janitorial staff.

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Just Another Foxy Tale

Miss Holz, our well-known P. E. instructor, was bitten by someone's wild fox last Tuesday night. The fact is that she frequents La Favorite so seldom that the animal is not acquainted with her. The fox was making the rounds, and when he came to Miss Holtz, opened his jaws for a mighty mouthful of tender flesh for his evening meal. The incident might have terminated tragically for our beloved instructor had not Miss Squire come to the rescue. We students were struck dumb with amazement that our pet should commit such a crime. Even Anna Devlin, the owner, was unable to persuade the fox to lossen his fiendish hold on Miss Holtz's arm. So we wish, as a body, to tell our brave Miss Squire of our gratitude.

What did she do, you ask?

She put SALT ON HIS TAIL.

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Peggy: "Won't you join me in a cup of tea?"

Mae: "Well, you get in, and I'll see if there's any room left."

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"A little neglect may breed mischief; for want of a nail, the shoe was lost; for want of a shoe, the horst was lost, and for want of a horse a rider was lost."

Consider this for a moment. Do you realize that the Vigilante is on the verge of meeting its "Waterloo?" And all because only 10 percent of you have pulled through with the subscription fee? Ten percent! Just enough for two issues.

What seems to be the matter?

Aren't you satisfied with the paper? If you aren't, it's your own fault, for it is your paper, it represents you. If it is good, yours is the credit; if it is bad, yours is the fault. Good or bad, it always can be made better.

Give it a thought. Surely, you want your paper to live—to grow bigger and better.

Well—it's up to you. You can save it. SUBSCRIBE NOW before it is too late.

Yes, it's up to you.

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Library Notes

The Library will be kept open from 9 to 12 on Saturdays, from 8 to 5 on Fridays, and from 8 to 7:30 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for the rest of this term. These extra hours will give the regular, as well as the afternoon and evening students, a chance to use the reference books outside of class hours.

Many students applied for the positions in the Library which were left open by the girls who graduated January 22. However, only experienced helpers were accepted. The efficiency of the new staff was proven by the fact that last Friday over 600 books were given out in forty minutes.

A book committee, consisting of three or more girls, is being formed in every class this term. The girls on this committee are to take charge of the reservation and distribution of all books used for home-work by the members of the class. In this way Miss Holman hopes to eliminate a great deal of the confusion which arose from the former method of distribution of reference books.

A new method of card-indexing has been introduced in the main Library. Instead of filing the cards according to the type of books, as was done last section, the cards are now filed under the name of the girl who has taken the book. By the use of this method, the Library staff will have less difficulty in finding out the names of the books which the students have taken out.

If you want your reserved books at 3:30, do not try to get them before. Last Friday the girls mobbed up to the desk before the time for distribution, thereby disturbing the whole Library, so Miss Holman made them wait until 3:45 to get their books.

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T. N. T.

This column is run for the sole purpose of the students. It asks that you explode with any grievance or evil that you would like to see remedied or altered. Place all your communications in box 782. They must contain the writer's name, although it will be withheld if desired. The Vigilante will assume no responsibility for views published.

Dear Editor:

For three years we live together as a class, despite the fact that every now and then we run into a classmate whose name we have never seen before or whose name is unfamiliar. Second to school spirit, comes class spirit. A class can never have spirit if it is divided into separate cliques, the members of which are strangers to the majority of their class. Every day brings us opportunities to make new friends and increase our circle of acquaintances. The person who neglects this opportunity hurts not only herself but also her class. Make it a point to speak to members of your class, wherever you see them. The class that will do this will soon find itself united into a body of people to whom the word classmate stands for something. Now is the time to lay the foundation for such unity of class feeling that in after years as we go from place to place each encounter with members of our own class will mean a joyous reunion enlivened by memories of the three years spent together at San Francisco State Teachers College.

E. E.

At the end of last section a search was made which revealed the fact that books had been taken out of the library unnoticed. A great number of books were missing. There were no cards under which they had been taken out.

Upon investigation, one student was found to have taken as many as eight books. There were many other instances where the number of books taken varied.

Practically every book thus abducted was an important one, a book which you and I wait a week to get, the kind for which we burn midnight oil, the kind used in over-crowded classes, the kind we wait half an hour or more for, the kind for which we miss our boats.

Do these girls who have done this thing realize the far-reaching results of their dishonesty? Did they intend to ever return these books? If they did, how could they have done so without being detected?

Dear Editor:

Why not keep the library steps for seniors only? There is not room enough there for the whole student body, so why not have the freshmen keep off?

F. W.

Dear Editor:

Can you suggest some way in which the following can be remedied?

Since the nice weather is approaching there are many who do not wish to sit indoors and eat their lunches. At present there is only one place to which they may go. That is on the stairs outside of the library, and these are always occupied. Can you mention some other place where students can eat their lunches since they are not allowed to ever eat on the terraces?

M. S.

Standards of School Are Raised

Term Grades Must Average "C" Before Girls Can Teach

No student who has a record below "C" at the end of a given term will be given a teaching certificate for the coming section. This is the new policy agreed upon by the members of the Scholarship Committee. The new standard went into effect at the beginning of this section; that is the reason why many girls did not receive their assignments.

As no girl can graduate until she has done her practice teaching, it will be to her advantage to keep her records above "C" average.

I fa girl is weak in her studies at the end of one mid-term, she will receive the following notice:

Dear Miss _____:

The reports of the semester just closed now show your work has not been satisfactory. We hope for improvement during the coming weeks, and must inform you that the policy of the school is to advise you to withdraw when work remains unsatisfactory.

Please arrange at your earliest convenience for a conference with _____. Bring this notice with you to the conference.

Too many girls do not realize the importance of this announcement until their parents receive the following probation notice:

My dear _____:

During the past week the Scholarship Committee of the college made a careful study of the scholarship record of your daughter and found it very unsatisfactory. The committee has decided to retain your daughter in the school on probation through the coming mid-term. If during this time she does not succeed in raising the standards of her scholarship, she will be requested to withdraw from the college.

Hoping that your daughter may succeed in improving her record to meet the college standards, I am,

Very sincerly yours,
Chairman
Scholarship Committee.

Miss Ward, Chairman of the Committee, stated that she hoped the girls would change their attitude toward these notices and take them more seriously, also that all "def" or "incompletes" must be made up before the end of nine weeks.

Dear Editor:

Should our library be quiet? A noisy study and reference room is not beneficial. It is not beneficial because the concentration of the student-teacher is interrupted, the length of study time is prolonged, and the atmosphere of learning is abolished. Some students are very ambitious, but have to work hard for their knowledge. Other students are less ambitious and do not work so laboriously for the knowledge. It is often the latter group that disturbs and takes away the opportunity of the conscientious student of the former class. Therefore, our library should be absolutely quiet, in order to give the student-teacher every advantage possible.

E. M.

Notorious Male Student Gives Interview

Mr. Ralph Anderson, the object of recent notoriety in the public press, declared to a staff reporter of this paper, that girls—even nine hundred of them—mean nothing to the even tenor of his way.

He's used to the "critters." They have lost their power to attract him. It is gathered that, as he hurries about the college buildings intent upon his duties, his brow is absolutely unruffled by them; his attention is never drawn to them, save occassionally, as he absently shoves them out from under foot.

At first, he admits, they were rather disturbing. He felt like an intruder. It was to him, evidently, a bit breath-taking to see girls to the right of him, girls to the left of him, girls in front of him, girls behind him, all of them talking in the low, sweet tones common to the corridors of the college.

But after a while it wore off. The tactfulness of the registering faculty, the good fellowship and genial attitude of the hordes of girls and the ability of the human organism to adapt itself to almost any condition, all worked together and brought to him his present attitude—a sort of abstract coma in which girls are but vague things flitting about on the perikhery of his existence.

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Training School System Adopted in Burlingame

The individual system of instruction, brought into being here in this college by Dr. Burk, and developed for years in our training school, is being adopted by the Hillsborough Elementary School of Burlingame.

The principal of the school, Richard Krane, who is introducing the system, is a former student of this college, and became a convert to the individual system while taking his work here. He graduated in 1917.

The Hillsborough School, a state institution, has about 300 pupils enrolled, which means that the undertaking will be closely watched by cities up and down the peninsula. Mr. Krane has the supporters and friends of the school enthusiastically back of him in the new project.

Individual instruction will be put into every grade, even the first. The materials are being worked out by the teaching staff of the school, under Mr. Krane's direction.

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Boy Prima Donas To Make Debut

Boys—not ribbon-bedecked members of the other sex—will fill the cast of the first dramatic musical production ever to be staged by the Frederick Burk School, according to the plans of Mrs. McCauley and Miss Casebolt, who will cooperate in staging the unusual event some time about the middle of May.

The operetta is now being picked. The Boys' Glee Club, which is the modest name of this organization of stellar masculine artists, is all set for the great production. It is rumored that there is a tremendous amount of musical and dramatic ability in the club, and that scouts for several of the grand opera companies will be on hand to seek out promising artists and get their names on sundry dotted lines.

Sports and Awards

That the baseball, volleyball, tennis racquet and old swimming suit will come again into their own this term was decided at a meeting of the W. A. A. Executive Committee, Monday, February 8.

The following is the committee's plans for athletics this semester. Volleyball, which began February 3, from 4 to 5 every day but Thursday, will continue till March 26. The last two or three weeks will see the playing off of the tournament. It will be a double round-robin.

As a visible acknowledgment of the winning of the tournament, a novel award in the form of a wooden placque will be given. The award will be "continuous"—that is to say, it will have the name of the winning team engraved upon it each year and will be kept in the school as a permanent record.

After volleyball, will come the old favorite, baseball, which will begin Monday, April 5, and continue until May 21. A reward will be given for this sport also. It will consist of a silver-plated trophy in the form of a baseball on which the names of the winning team will be engraved.

The rewards for swimming and tennis (only tentatively decided) will be be respectively, a felt shield and two cups. One cup is for the winner in singles, the other for the winner in doubles. The latter is a new addition to tennis this term.

For the recording of W. A. A. points, both baseball and volleyball are to be considered as major sports. They give to any girl turning out for the required number of practices, 100 points each. Only 150 points may be given any girl coming out for two major sports a term.

Tennis and swimming, the minor sports, receive 50 points each. Since the section has been lengthened to three years, a committee has been set to work on a new requirement for W. A. A. points.

The Annual Play Day will be celebrated Saturday, May 22, in Golden Gate Park. On Wednesday, May 27, at the W. A. A. rally, the class and individual awards for the term will be presented.

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Sport Questionnaire

Have you ever danced at a basket ball,
Or struck a tennis match,
Is the golf lynx season in the fall,
Will a baseball diamond scratch?

Is a gridiron used to cook track meat,
Does fencing take much wire?
If you soccer on the feet,
Will she ball and show her ire?

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Modesty

Do you know what I heard a while ago? Modesty is a virtue. So you have before you—if you can see me—Virtue Incarnate. I am so extremely modest that I have, until the present, never published the fact. I daresay not even my friends know it.—I have never told them. Just to prove how elementally truthful the things I've been telling you are, let me announce this: I never broadcast my grades at the end of the term. If anyone chances to discover them, I plead to have them kept dark. Aye, I am modest. Any professor, masculine or feminine, will corroborate that statement. Even if they give me a personal request, I cannot display myself or my intelligence in class. I even hesitate in my modesty to let out whatever knowledge I have gained during finals. Were it not for the fact that I am too modest to let my family appreciate me, I would not show my face in school. Once there, I am as inconspicuous as possible—to my instructors. They say I am flunking out—but I am too modest to tell them that it is only my inconquerable modesty.

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To Train Them Young

That the ten and eleven year old children of the Frederick Burk school learn to design their own bathing suits, party clothes, overalls and what not, is the plan of Mrs. Cooch, the art supervisor of the college.

Gertha Lane and Luella Leigh are in charge of the High Primary special art classes where this course in costume designing is being tried out. The work is elective and was suggested and inaugurated by a child in our training school.

At present, costumes are being designed for persons in different occupations. Two girls of the High Grammar grades are designing hats and writing a "Hobby Book" on Millinery. By the close of the season the children will be able to design some clothes for themselves. It is hoped that these classes will be successful enough to continue next session.

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"Fine hogs you have there, neighbor. What do you feed them?"

"Corn."

"In the ear?"

"No, in the mouth."

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Liza: "Ma man is shua lazy. I betcha he's got de softest job in town."

Jane: "What all does yo ol man done?"

Liza: "He's de testah in de mattriss factory."

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The city girl boarding in the country, spoke to the farmer about the savage way in which the cow regraded her.

"Well," said the farmer, "it must be on account of that red waist you are wearing."

"Dear me!" cried the girl. "Of course, I know it's terribly out of style, but I had no idea a country cow would notice it."

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Claudia: "What are those holes in the fence?"

Venette: "Those are knot holes."

Claudia: "Why, they are too holes."

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Greedy: "Waiter, what have you in the way of a square meal?"

Greek: "Bouillon cubes, waffles, cube sugar and raviolas."

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Co-ed (at football game): "Hold him, George; I know you can."

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Judge: "Officer, what is the charge against this girl?"

Cop: "Cruelty, your Honor. She was caught lashing her eyes."